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The PARALEGAL PROFESSIONAL, also known as a legal assistant, legal analyst, or legal technologist, is trained to work under the general supervision of an attorney in such diverse areas as interviewing, investigation, research, and document preparation. The paralegal can accomplish many tasks traditionally performed by the attorney, with the exception of giving legal advice, appearing in court, or setting fees.

An increasing number of attorneys throughout the country are recognizing the advantages of LEGAL ASSISTANTS. In addition to working in the traditional private sector law office setting, paralegals are increasingly being employed in corporations, in banks, and in the public sector. Recent Department of Labor statistics show that the paralegal profession is expected to experience the second largest percentage growth of 340 employment categories for the period 1978 to 1990.

Montclair State College is a publicly supported institution of higher education, fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Located in a suburban community fourteen miles from midtown Manhattan, the College offers programs on the Bachelor's and Master's degree levels. Paralegal Studies is a program of the Center for Legal Studies, within the School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

THE MONTCLAIR STATE COLLEGE PARALEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM is the first and only program at a four-year college in the State of New Jersey to receive AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION PROGRAM APPROVAL.

A CERTIFICATE OF PARALEGAL STUDIES is awarded to all students who fulfill the 24 credit hours required in the Program and who have completed a minimum of two years of college study. The Montclair State College Paralegal Studies Program is open to undergraduates (as a Minor) and to students who already hold a Bachelor's degree (for undergraduate credit). In combination with any number of diverse majors, the Paralegal Studies Program prepares the student to work in many legally-related fields.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Dr. Marilyn Frankenthaler Director, Center for Legal Studies Tel: (201) 893-4152 or 893-4228 (Secretary) An INTERNSHIP, which includes both field work experience and classroom training components, is a required part of the Program. A minimum overall cumulative average of 2.5 based upon a scale of 4.00, and a minimum average of 2.75 for all courses in the Paralegal Studies Program is required for admission to the internships. Internship placements are planned in accordance with the particular interests, skills, and specializations of students in the Program. A second optional internship in CODPERATIVE EDUCATION combines academic study with supervised paid employment.

LEGAL SPECIALTY CLASSES provide the practical background in negligence, real estate, domestic relations, and other areas to prepare the student for a meaningful internship experience. Many students have been offered and accepted permanent full-time career positions as a direct result of their internships.

The CAREER SERVICES Office provides students at Montclair State College with group and individual career counseling, a career library, and seminars dealing with resume writing, interviewing, and the job search. The Paralegal Studies Program supplements the Career Services Office with its own PLACEMENT COORDINATOR to assist Program graduates in obtaining PERMANENT CAREER POSITIONS. Our graduates are employed by some of the major law firms in the State as well as by nationally prominent banks and corporations.

FACULTY who teach in the Montclair State College Paralegal Studies Program are all practicing attorneys or experts in their fields, and have excellent academic and professional credentials.

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There are four possible courses of study within the Montclair State College Paralegal Studies Program. They include General Law Practice and three specializations: Trademark and Copyright Law, Patent Law and a Hispanic Specialization for bilingual students.

GENERAL LAW PRACTICE

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	Semester Hours
0220	Introduction to Paralegalism 3
0230	Fundamentals of Legal Research 3
0221	Civil Litigation 3
	of 2 of the following6
0301	
0302	Domestic Relations (3) Real Estate Law (3)
0303	Wills Trusts and Probate Law(3)
0304	Wills,Trusts,and Probate Law(3) Corps. and Partnerships (3)
0305	Personal Injury Law (3)
	OF 2 of the following6
0306	Administrative Law (3)
0310	
0331	mark and Copyright Law (3) Advanced Legal Research (3)
0321	
	(Political Science) (3)
0261	
	(Accounting, Law, and Taxation) (3)
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0325 Seminar and Internship in Law 3
Total Semester Hours for Program = 24

OPTIONAL INTERNSHIP
0326 Seminar and Internship in Law II:
Cooperative Education 4 or 8

SPECIALIZATIONS

Students completing the TRADEMARK AND COPYRIGHT SPECIALIZATION must take the following legal specialty courses: 0310 Introduction to Patent, Trademark and Copyright Law 3

mark and Copyright Law 3
0313 U.S. and International Trademark and Copyright Law and Practice 3

Students completing the HISPANIC SPECIALIZATION must include the following legal specialty course:

0316 Skills for Bilingual Legal Personnel 3

The PATENT LAW SPECIALIZATION is open to students with majors in the School of Mathematics and Natural Science. For details on the Course of Study and PATENT AGENT OPTION, contact Dr. Carl Gottschall, Mathematics, Computer Science, and Patent Coordinator at (201) 893-4260.